

Write-in Candidates – 2008

Presidential Candidates

Presidential candidates may be nominated at the primary election or elected to office at the general election by fulfilling the requirements of Part 3 of Division 8 of the Elections Code, commencing at Sections 6241, 6441, 6621, 6822, 8600 and 8650:

Endorsement of Write-in Candidacy for Democratic Unpledged Delegate

By January 15, 2008 (E-21) for the presidential **primary** election (**presidential candidates only**), any person who believes his or her name may be used as a write-in candidate for Democratic unpledged delegate shall file for endorsement of his or her write-in candidacy with the Secretary of State. The Endorsement of Write-In Candidacy for Democratic Unpledged Delegate shall contain the following information:

- candidate's name;
- candidate's complete residence address;
- a declaration stating that the candidate is a write-in candidate;
- the name of the office for which the candidate is running;
- the party nomination which the candidate seeks, if running in a primary election (a candidate need not be registered with the party whose nomination he/she is seeking);
and
- the date of the election.

§§ 6241, 8600

In addition, we request you provide a telephone number so we can expedite communications.

Endorsement of Write-in Candidacy for Presidential Primary for Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian, or Peace and Freedom Party

By January 15, 2008 (E-21) for the presidential **primary** election (**presidential candidates only**), any person who believes his or her name may be used as a write-in candidate for President of the United States shall file for endorsement of his or her write-in candidacy with the Secretary of State. The Endorsement of Write-In Candidacy for the Presidential Primary shall contain the following information:

- candidate's name;
- candidate's complete residence address;
- a declaration stating that the candidate is a write-in candidate;
- the name of the office for which the candidate is running;
- the party nomination which the candidate seeks, if running in a primary election (a candidate need not be registered with the party whose nomination he/she is seeking);
and
- the date of the election.

§§ 6441, 6621, 6822, 8600

In addition, we request you provide a telephone number to reach the presidential candidate and an address to which correspondence regarding the write-in candidacy may be addressed so we can expedite communications.

Declaration of Write-In Candidacy – Presidential Electors

By October 21, 2008 (E-14) for the **general** election, any group of individuals, equal in number to the number of presidential electors to which this state is entitled (55), who desire to be write-in candidates for presidential electors pledged to a particular candidate for President and Vice-President of the United States shall file a declaration of write-in candidacy with the Secretary of State. The Declaration of Write-In Candidacy – Presidential Elector shall contain the following information:

- candidate's name;
- candidate's complete residence address;
- a declaration stating that the candidate is a write-in candidate for the office of presidential elector;
- the date of the general election;
- the oath or affirmation as set forth in Section 3 of Article XX of the California Constitution; and
- the names of the candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States for which the group of presidential electors are pledged.

§§ 8650, 8651, 8652

Write-in Candidates – 2008 Non-Presidential Candidates

Candidates may be nominated at the primary election or elected to any office at the general election by fulfilling the requirements of Part 3 of Division 8 of the Elections Code, commencing at Section 8600:

Statement of Write-in Candidacy

Between April 7 and May 20, 2008 (E-57 – E-14) for the **primary** election and September 8 and October 21, 2008 (E-57 – E-14) for the **general** election, file a Statement of Write-In Candidacy. The Statement of Write-In Candidacy shall contain the following information:

- candidate's name;
- candidate's complete residence address;
- a declaration stating that the candidate is a write-in candidate;
- the name of the office for which the candidate is running;
- the party nomination which the candidate seeks, if running in a primary election (a candidate need not be registered with the party whose nomination he/she is seeking); and
- the date of the election.

§§ 8600, 8601

Nomination Papers

For the **primary election**, between April 7 and May 20, 2008 (E-57 – E-14) , circulate nomination papers for signatures and leave them for examination with the county elections official of the county in which the signers reside. § 8601

Signers must be of the political party whose nomination the write-in candidate is seeking in the primary. § 8603

For the **general election**, between September 8 and October 21, 2008 (E-57 – E-14), circulate nomination papers for signatures and leave them for examination with the county elections official of the county in which the signers reside. § 8601

There is no party affiliation requirement for signers of write-in nomination petitions in the general election.

The required numbers of signers to a write-in candidate's nomination paper for the respective offices are as follows:

- Member of House of Representatives, state legislative office: Not fewer than 40 nor more than 60. §§ 8062, 8600

In order to be nominated to any partisan office at the primary election, the write-in candidate must receive more votes than any other candidate running for that party's nomination, and must also receive votes equal to at least 1% of all votes cast for that office at the last preceding general election at which the office was filled. § 8605(a)

The minimum number of votes required to obtain the write-in nomination, as specified by Section 8605(a), is set forth below.

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

District	Total Votes November 2006	Votes Required for Nomination (1% of total)	District	Total Votes November 2006	Votes Required for Nomination (1% of total)
1	218,044	2,181	28	108,042	1,081
2	210,202	2,103	29	143,404	1,435
3	228,169	2,282	30	211,734	2,118
4	276,893	2,769	31	64,952	650
5	149,266	1,493	32	91,686	917
6	246,628	2,467	33	113,715	1,138
7	140,486	1,405	34	74,819	749
8	184,639	1,847	35	98,506	986
9	193,686	1,937	36	166,153	1,662
10	196,978	1,970	37	97,962	980
11	206,264	2,063	38	99,801	999
12	182,324	1,824	39	109,533	1,096
13	147,897	1,479	40	151,289	1,513
14	198,575	1,986	41	164,044	1,641
15	159,718	1,598	42	129,720	1,298
16	136,059	1,361	43	81,860	819
17	159,293	1,593	44	149,316	1,494
18	108,713	1,088	45	164,251	1,643
19	181,994	1,820	46	195,052	1,951
20	61,120	612	47	75,619	757
21	142,661	1,427	48	200,527	2,006
22	188,504	1,886	49	156,137	1,562
23	175,951	1,760	50	222,102	2,222
24	209,292	2,093	51	115,839	1,159
25	156,773	1,568	52	191,369	1,914
26	179,144	1,792	53	144,387	1,444
27	134,724	1,348			

MEMBER OF THE STATE SENATE

District	Total Votes November 2004	Votes Required for Nomination (1%)
1	415,961	4,160
3	378,745	3,788
5	296,058	2,961
7	282,714	2,828
9	322,519	3,226
11	346,451	3,465
13	228,091	2,281
15	368,874	3,689
17	301,508	3,016
19	384,450	3,845
21	278,675	2,787
23	349,137	3,492
25	224,647	2,247
27	237,608	2,377
29	308,559	3,086
31	287,212	2,873
33	355,429	3,555
35	360,907	3,610
37	306,180	3,062
39	334,706	3,348

MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY

Total Votes		Votes Required	Total Votes		Votes Required
November 2006		for Nomination	November 2006		for Nomination
District	November 2006	(1% of total)	District	November 2006	(1% of total)
1	153,884	1,539	41	126,950	1,270
2	140,622	1,407	42	128,259	1,283
3	143,859	1,439	43	88,517	886
4	164,807	1,649	44	113,536	1,136
5	136,727	1,368	45	54,188	542
6	161,894	1,619	46	30,518	306
7	100,726	1,008	47	99,770	998
8	118,409	1,185	48	48,789	488
9	88,584	886	49	62,212	623
10	137,923	1,380	50	50,229	503
11	103,845	1,039	51	71,234	713
12	104,116	1,042	52	37,959	380
13	127,697	1,277	53	129,092	1,291
14	143,019	1,431	54	115,018	1,151
15	162,505	1,626	55	73,427	735
16	101,767	1,018	56	75,657	757
17	79,782	798	57	69,815	699
18	102,308	1,024	58	77,645	777
19	119,757	1,198	59	120,999	1,210
20	93,786	938	60	106,811	1,069
21	140,418	1,405	61	58,121	582
22	97,310	974	62	49,451	495
23	67,648	677	63	98,995	990
24	116,128	1,162	64	108,815	1,089
25	127,875	1,279	65	112,933	1,130
26	93,693	937	66	101,663	1,017
27	141,941	1,420	67	117,104	1,172
28	75,873	759	68	89,432	895
29	117,145	1,172	69	43,193	432
30	54,771	548	70	130,177	1,302
31	45,004	451	71	116,780	1,168
32	118,649	1,187	72	94,130	942
33	136,384	1,364	73	103,012	1,031
34	83,248	833	74	125,727	1,258
35	123,977	1,240	75	134,658	1,347
36	90,575	906	76	114,797	1,148
37	136,798	1,368	77	114,649	1,147
38	124,235	1,243	78	102,153	1,022
39	40,603	407	79	62,832	629
40	80,132	802	80	82,405	825